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COUNTRY East Germany REPORTTOPIC Werneuchen Airfield

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. The Special Construction Bureau Eberswalde which was responsible for Werneuchen airfield turned over the field to the Bernau construction staff on 16 February 1955. Two million eastmarks were allegedly allotted for improvement work at the field. 25X1
2. On 7 March, 8 railroad tank cars and 3 boxcars with military goods arrived at Werneuchen airfield. 25X1
3. Between 29 January and 15 March 1955, the following incoming and outgoing shipments were observed at Werneuchen airfield:

a. Incoming shipments

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Railroad Cars and Cargo</u>	<u>Consigned to</u>	<u>Shipped from</u>
29 Jan	5 tank cars with 95 tons of solvents	Zukhikh	Riesa Harbor 24 Jan
29 Jan	7 gondola cars with 120 tons of briquettes	Martinov	Senftenberg 25 Jan
1 Feb	7 tank cars with solvents 13 tank cars with solvents with a total of 302 tons	Kvelshenko Zukhikh	Ruhland 29 Jan
4 Feb	5 boxcars with 75 tons of military goods	BHK	Brandis 2 Feb
9 Feb	1 boxcar with 6 tons of military goods	BHK	Finsterwalde 3 Feb

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12 Feb	29 tank cars with 461.5 tons of solvents	Zukhikh and Kvelshenko	13 tons from Frankfurt/Oder; 16 tons from Boehlen
	9 gondola cars with 135 tons of briquettes	Shevtsov	Senftenberg
14 Feb	2 gondola cars with 44 tons of open burning coal	Vlasov	Horka 10 Feb
15 Feb	7 tank cars with 98 tons of solvents	BHK	Frankfurt/Oder 13 Feb
16 Feb	2 gondola cars with 45 tons of open burning coal	Vlasov	Forst 13 Feb
18 Feb	1 tank car with 14 tons of gasoline	Omelshenko	Gross Korbetha 15 Feb

Notes:

It is believed that Omelshenko is identical with Kvelshenko.

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18 Feb	5 gondola cars with 112.5 tons of open burning coal	Vlasov	Horka 13 and 16 Feb
	7 boxcars with 70 tons of ammunition	Red Army	Buckau 15 Feb
19 Feb	1 tank car with 14.4 tons of tar oil	Omelshenko	Troeglitz 15 Feb
21 Feb	1 gondola car with 21 tons of open burning coal	Vlasov	Horka 17 Feb
7 Mar	1 boxcar with 15.6 tons of apples		Warnemuende 3 Mar
	8 tank cars with 89 tons of solvents	Zeichuk	Frankfurt/Oder 4 Mar

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Note: The name of Zeichuk was observed for the first time.

7 Mar	2 boxcars with 30 tons of foodstuff	Shevtsov	Jueterbog/Altes Lager
8 Mar	7 tank cars with 119 tons of solvents	Zeichuk	1 car from Frankfurt/Oder on 4 Mar; 5 cars from Boehlen on 3 Mar
	9 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia	BHK	Kroepelin 8 Mar
	3 boxcars with ammunition		
	17 flatcars with artillery pieces, motor vehicles, field kitchens		

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Note: Retransfer of AA unit which had transferred to Neubuckow on 1 March. The following artillery pieces were observed:

8 x 85-mm AA guns with muzzle brake, perforated ground plate (Bodenblech), model 39

4 canvas-covered four-barreled AA guns

When the train was unloaded at the railroad station, motor vehicle [] were observed with the field kitchen.

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10 Mar 16 tank cars with 264 tons Omelshenko 7 cars from Frankfurt/
of solvents /Oder on 8 Mar;
9 cars from Ruhland
on 6 Mar

11 Mar 15 tank cars with solvents Omelshenko 8 cars from Frankfurt/
4 tank cars with solvents Zeichuk /Oder on 10 Mar;
total: 299.6 tons 1 car from Boehlen
on 8 Mar;
10 cars from Ruhland
on 8 Mar

Note: The bills of lading of the shipments coming from Frankfurt/Oder bore stamps in Cyrillic letters of the place of dispatch and of the crossing station. Therefore, it was assumed that the cars contained solvents from the USSR.

13 Mar 5 boxcars with foodstuff Jueterbog via Berlin
1 boxcar with escorting
personnel
4 flatcars with 9 crates Jueterbog via Frankfurt/
/Oder

Note: The crates were the same dimensions as the crates which left for Jueterbog via Frankfurt/Oder-Wriezen on 1 March.

31 Jan 5 boxcars with 77 tons of cement VEB Bau Karsdorf
to Kreis
9 Feb Bernau
construc-
tion site
at airfield
8 flatcars with 102 tons of hollow tiles " Hennickendorf

11 Mar 2 X-type cars Zehdenick
2 gondola cars with a total
of 155 tons of bricks

b. Outgoing shipments

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Railroad Cars and Cargo</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
14 Feb	4 boxcars each with 15 tons	[]	1 car each to Welzow, Cottbus, Finsterwalde and Brandis

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1 Mar 1 train consisting of
 9 boxcars with personnel
 3 boxcars with ammunition
 24 flatcars with motor
 vehicles, 8 x 85-mm AA guns
 and 4 four-barreled AA guns

Neu-Buckow

Note:

The 3 boxcars were loaded with ammunition in the southeastern area south of the zeroing-in stands. The assumption that ammunition was loaded was supported by the fact that one of the three cars, which had been coupled in the middle of the train, was attached to the end of the train at the request of a Soviet officer shortly before the departure of the train. It was observed that the eight AA guns were hauled from the AA gun emplacement in the northwestern section of the field. The AA guns had muzzle brakes which were called mufflers by a former German AA soldier. The muzzles were covered with caps which were about 4 cm thicker than the gun barrel. Chief of the train was a captain who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Two officers were assigned to each of the 9 boxcars occupied by troops.

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1 Mar 1 boxcar with escorting personnel
 3 flatcars with 7 crates

Jueterbog via
Frankfurt/OderNote:

Two flatcars were loaded with two crates each and 1 car with three crates. The crates which were about 2.5 meters long, 1.4 meters wide and 1.8 meters high presumably contained aircraft engines which were sent to Jueterbog for repair. Only crate shipments were usually dispatched via Frankfurt/Oder, while other shipments destined for Jueterbog were dispatched via Berlin. 1

4. Almost every night between 6 February and 14 March, there was air activity, repeatedly throughout the whole night. On 24 February, an element of 2 IL-28s flew at a high altitude. The IL-28s were repeatedly attacked by 2 smaller aircraft which flew at a higher rate of speed. 2
5. In late January 1955, no construction work was observed in the northern fuel dump. On 11 March, the dump was illuminated by lamps which were screened to above and to the sides not facing the dump. 3
6. The ammunition dump in the northern section of the field and the occupied watchtowers were lighted by lamps mounted on high poles.
7. Soviet officers
 In connection with a previous shipment from Jueterbog-Altes Lager to BHK, Colonel [redacted] was mentioned as dispatcher.

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Since the shipment with the artillery unit which arrived in Werneuchen on 8 March was consigned to BHK it was assumed that BHK is identical with the headquarters of which Smirnov is the chief. Omelshenko was an air force senior lieutenant

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1. Comment. According to the present report, 112 railroad tank cars with a total of 1,742 tons (about 15 tons per car), including 44 tank cars dispatched via Frankfurt/Oder, presumably arrived from the USSR. Zeichuk, reportedly consignee of the fuel shipments which arrived on 7 and 8 March, is reported for the first time.

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AA shipments which left for and returned from Neubukow where firing practices with live ammunition were held, were mentioned previously.

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According to the description, the artillery pieces are 85-mm AA guns
 Four-barreled AA guns were previously reported from Werneuchen. assumption that the crates shipped from and to Jueterbog on 1 and 13 March contained aircraft engines is believed to be correct.

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2. Comment. Werneuchen airfield is occupied by two bomber regiments with a total of 45 to 50 IL-28s.

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3. Comment. Expansion work was presumably intended to be done in the fuel dump. This work has been discontinued for the time being.

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